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Letter dated 21 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I would like to refer here to the twenty-eighth report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999) (S/2009/539), which deals with the issue of missing Kuwaiti and third-country nationals, as well as missing Kuwaiti property, including the national archives.

I wish here to emphasize the position of the State of Kuwait in support of the recommendation of the Secretary-General, contained in paragraph 26 of the report, that the Security Council extend the financing of the mandate of the High-level Coordinator, Ambassador Gennady Tarasov, until June 2010 in order to achieve its objectives and promote the process of confidence and cooperation-building between Kuwait and Iraq.

I also wish to draw your attention to what is noted in paragraph 24 of the same report, that progress remains fragile and that the main task of discovering and identifying the victims has not been achieved yet. This objective can be achieved only through increased cooperation between the two countries within the framework of the Tripartite Commission, with the continued support of the international community and the Security Council.

Regarding Kuwaiti property, little of what is missing has been recovered. Also, the national archives, referred to in the report of the Secretary-General, have not been found yet, despite their historic value and importance for the State of Kuwait.

Allow me to emphasize that the State of Kuwait considers that the reduction of the term of mandate of the High-level Coordinator will have a negative impact on the full implementation of paragraph 14 of resolution 1284 (1999).

In view of the above, the State of Kuwait requests the extension of the Coordinator's mandate until June 2010, based, among others, on the above-mentioned facts.

I am also pleased to refer to our appreciation of the continued efforts carried out by the Technical Subcommittee, under the leadership of the International Committee of the Red Cross and by its members regarding the issue of the missing Kuwaiti nationals.

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Finally, I would like to request that the present letter by circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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